THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Recently, Indo-Russian Protocol on trade turn over and payments in 1992 has been signed which envisages import of crude oil and petroleum products from Russia with the provision for payment in Indian rupees.

Refuelling facility at the airports

*2156. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to review its existing policy for providing refuelling facility at the Airports in the country; and

(b) is so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Refuelling facilities are provided at airports if considered necessary and taking economic viability consideration into account. A total of 74 airports, in the country are having such refueling facilities.

अनुसूचित जातियों / अनुसूचित जनजातियों के व्यक्तियों को गैस एजेंसियां

2157. **श्री राम अवधेश सिंह:** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री 4 दिसम्बर, 1991 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 1273 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने याचिका समिति को बसे रसोई गैस धारकों की सूची दी थी जिनकी एजेंसियां तेल कम्पनियों द्वारा बिना "कारण बताओ नाटिस" दिये रद् कर दी गयी थीं;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि ऐसी एजेंसियों की संख्या एक सौ से अधिक थी; और

(ग) क्या सरकार उसी आधार पर जिस आधार पर मैसर्स जैश्री इन्टरप्राइजिज और छः अन्य फर्मों को एजेंसियां बहाल की गई हैं, उक्त एजेंसियों को बहाल करने का विचार रखती है और यदि हां, तो कब तक?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी॰ शंकरानन्द): (क) से (ग) दिनांक 12.5.89 की याचिका समिति की रिपोर्ट में कहा गया था कि 1983-84 से 1987-88 के बीच 62 एल॰पी॰जी॰ एजेंसियां निरस्त की गई थीं इनमें से 6 मामलों को फिर से बहाल कर दिया गया है।

Gas Flaring Reduction Projects

2158. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to commission gas flaring reduction projects at all gas flaring wells;

(b) if so, by when all the gas flaring reduction projects are likely to be commissioned and the target of zero level achieved; and

(c) the extent to which the indigenous demand of gas in likely to be met as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Projects for reducing the flaring of gas have been undertaken in the Western off shore region, in Gujarat and in Assam. Flaring is expected to be reduced to minimum levels by 1995. The current level of flaring is approximately 11 million cubic metres per day.

Gas Terminal at Usar

2159. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have requested for second gas terminal at Usar; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the decision taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

*Previously Unstarred Question 754, transferred from the 3rd March, 1992.